

DRAFT - School Accountability Compromise Proposal - DRAFT

Appointment of Superintendent:

Direct the mayor of the city of Milwaukee to appoint a superintendent of schools to serve at the mayor's pleasure. The school board can reject the superintendent within 45 days of the appointment with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote. Otherwise the appointment is confirmed. **(Compromise)**

Budget:

The Mayor and superintendent submit an annual budget to the elected school board. The school board could return the executive budget either adopted or amended and adopted for executive veto review. The mayor would have line-item veto authority and the board could override a veto with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority. Public hearing process would still be required and the final budget would be sent to Common Council. **(Compromise)**

Elections:

School board elections would be held at the same time as the mayoral election **(similar to Coggs/Grigsby)** All candidates would be up for reelection in 2012 (or those in 2011 would be up in 2012 and those up in 2013 would be up in 2014 but only for two year terms). All candidates would be up for reelection in 2016.

Other roles of the Board:

MPS elected school Board would also have responsibility for: **(similar to SB405)**

- a. Oversight of policies related to corporal punishment, pupil discrimination policies, expulsions.
- b. Visiting schools/advising superintendent on instruction and progress of pupils
- c. Allocating time for public comment at board meetings
- d. Use of school grounds for public discussion, lectures.
- e. Membership in School board organizations.
- f. The board may retain an attorney to advise and represent it on matters relating to board governance and open meetings and open records, with city attorney approval.
- g. Conducting survey of parents of enrolled pupils to advise the development or modification of parent involvement and school improvement plans **(Coggs/Grigsby)**

Other responsibilities of the Superintendent:

Any school district responsibility not explicitly granted to the mayor or the board in the bill would construe to the Superintendent.

In addition:

- a. Superintendent **shall** appoint a bilingual-bicultural advisory committee. **(SB405)**
- b. Superintendent may close low performing schools and may reassign staff from or to the school without regard to seniority **(SB405)**

Other provisions:

- 1) Create Opportunity/promise zones to provide comprehensive services to MKE children **(both bills)**
- 2) Require superintendent, Mayor to convene an annual meeting with education stakeholders **(version in both bills).**
- 3) Supt can only sign contracts relating to wages, hours, or conditions of employment with official labor organizations. **(SB 405)**
- 4) Referendum in 2017 **(SB405)**
- 5) Create a commission to develop a plan for addressing the unfunded liability of the school district operating under chapter 119 of the statutes. **(Coggs/Grigsby)**

- a) Comprised of seven members – city comptroller, common council president, school board president, the state superintendent of public instruction or their designees and 3 members appointed by the mayor. **(SB405)**